

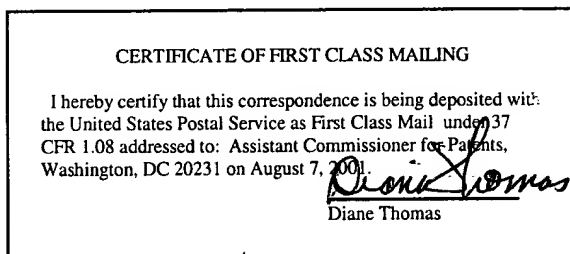


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PLASTIC CONTAINER



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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Greetings:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2001. Applicant requests a one month extension of the time for response. Accordingly, accompanying the Amendment is the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1).

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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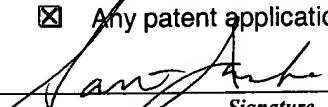

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 TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$40.00
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